

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A molded article made predominantly of pulp and comprising:

a bottom portion; and

a body portion,

wherein an angle between an outer surface of a side wall of said body portion and a ground contact plane of said bottom portion is 85° or greater, said molded article is seamless, a height of said body portion is 50 mm or more, and said molded article has corners of a density ρ_2 that is smaller than a density ρ_1 of a portion that is not one of said corners.

Claims 13-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The molded article according to claim 12, wherein ρ_1 and ρ_2 satisfy a relationship ~~$0.1\rho_1 \times 1\rho_2 < 1\rho_2 < 1\rho_1$~~ $0.1 \times \rho_1 < \rho_2 < \rho_1$.

Claims 18-19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The molded article according to claim 12, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article and/or a measuring container, said lid and/or said measuring container being linked with said molded article by integral molding via a first hinge and/or a second hinge which is/are thin and dense.

Claims 21-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The molded article according to claim 12, further comprising a lid for opening and closing said opening portion of said molded article, said lid being a part prepared separately from said molded article and fixed to said molded article by a linking part having a hinge, said linking part being provided on said lid.

Claims 25-27 (Canceled).

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The molded article according to claim 12, further comprising a plastic layer formed on the outer and/or the inner surfaces of said molded article by vacuum forming or pressure forming, and said plastic layer is obtainable by laminating a plastic film on said molded article while said molded article is heated to a predetermined temperature.

Claims 29-31 (Canceled).

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The molded article according to claim 28, wherein said plastic film is preliminarily stretched prior to lamination.

Claims 33-35 (Canceled).

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The molded article according to Claim 12, wherein said molded article has corners of an approximately uniform thickness T2 that is greater than a thickness T1 of a portion that is not one of said corners, and

said thickness T2 continuously tapers into said thickness T1.